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SUBJECT: IMPORT OF KOREAN LABORERS

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1. QUERIED ABOUT PROBLEM COVERED IN REFTTEL, ROK TRADE
REPRESENTATIVE JAE WON ROH SAID THAT HE KNEW OF NO
PROBLEMS REGARDING ENTRY SOUTH KOREAN WORKERS INTO
KUWAIT. ENTRY IS ARRANGED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS
BY IMPORTING FIRMS INVOLVED AT AIRPORT. BECAUSE
KUWAIT AND ROK DO NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS,
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VISAS CANNOT BE ISSUED IN ADVANCE. ROH SAID THAT
HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT AS A MATTER OF POLICY,
THE ROK DISCOURAGES KOREAN WORKERS FROM WORKING FOR NON-
KOREAN FIRMS BECAUSE OF CONCERN THAT JAPANESE FIRMS WILL
BECOME MORE COMPETITIVE WITH KOREAN FIRMS THROUGH THE
HIRING OF KOREAN WORKERS.

2. ROH'S COMMENTS APPLY TO KUWAIT, WHERE JAPANESE FIRMS
HAVE WON NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT CONTRACTS RECENTLY.
JAPANESE EXPORTS TO KUWAIT MORE THAN DOUBLED IN 1976,
TO \$743 MILLION, MAKING JAPAN REPLACE THE US (WITH
\$472 MILLION IN EXPORTS) AS KUWAIT'S CHIEF SUPPLIERS.

3. WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY INSTANCE OF AN AMERICAN
FIRM BRINGING IN SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF KOREAN WORKERS;
THEREFORE, PROBLEM FOR US FIRMS OUTLINED IN DHAHRAN'S REFTEL
HAS NOT ARISEN HERE.
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